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INTRODUCTION

When first asked what environment means to them, students most often reply with references to the natural environment. 'Water', 'trees', 'birds', 'animals', 'mountains', 'lakes', etc. are the most common. With more time to consider and following discussion with other students, the question elicits responses related to quality: air pollution, water pollution, smog, overcrowding, hunting, and litter often head the list.

With time and more extensive study students and their teachers soon see that environment can incorporate just about anything and becomes synonymous with 'surroundings'. One could argue then, that good education is environmental education.

However, to get more of a handle on the term, Alberta environmental educators and the government agencies involved in supporting them have accepted the following definition:

> *Environmental Education is that branch of education which seeks to develop a population that is aware of and concerned about the environment and its associated problems, and which has the knowledge, skills, attitudes, motivations and commitment to work individually and collectively towards solutions to current problems and the prevention of new ones.*

The term 'environmental education' would seem to single out Alberta Education and Alberta Environment as the responsible government agencies.

Alberta Education - responsible for the education of children in the province.

Alberta Environment - responsible for the environment.

However, several other departments and agencies are also responsible for elements of man's interaction with the physical environment. Consequently, they have, through education and information programs, found themselves involved in environmental education.

This booklet is a guide to environmental education services within the Alberta government. A dozen departments or agencies are identified. Together, they provide a wide array of support to environmental education: from print material to audio-visual service; from field trip sites to teacher/leader inservice.

In contacting these agencies for information it is extremely important to define exactly what you are looking for. Requesting publications lists is one good way to know exactly what materials are offered. A good companion resource to this guide is the **Environmental Fact Seeker's Guide** (available from Alberta Environment). This provides step-by-step assistance in defining what you need to know in researching an environmental topic.

This guide will be updated regularly. Should you have suggestions for these updates, contact us.

Single copies of this booklet are available on request from:

Environmental Education Resources Branch
Alberta Environment
9820 - 106 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5K 2J6
Tel: 427-6310

ACCESS ALBERTA

Responsibilities

ACCESS Alberta endeavours to provide materials in the form of video tapes, audio tapes, slides, and print to educators working in schools, colleges, universities, Alberta Vocational Centres, and Adult Education Programs across the province.

ACCESS also provides dubbing services for educational institutions.

Environmental Education

There is no special emphasis placed on obtaining or producing materials for environmental education at ACCESS. ACCESS responds to the demand of its users as much as possible within budgetary and time restraints.

Materials and Services

Any person interested in learning more about the use of materials developed by ACCESS should consult the *1984 Audio Visual Catalogue* available at any educational institution. General inquiries should be directed to:

Communications and Marketing
ACCESS Alberta
16930 - 114 Avenue
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5M 3S2
Tel: 451-3160

ACCESS Alberta
Media Resource Centre
295 Midpark Way S.E.
CALGARY, Alberta
T2X 2A8
Tel: 256-1100

Information on new or renewed programs may be obtained by contacting the Media Resource Centre or your local Media Consultant.

Media Consultants

Central Elementary School
48th Avenue - 53 Street
RED DEER, Alberta
T4N 2E6
Tel: 343-1224

Grande Prairie Regional College
P.O. Box 1050
GRANDE PRAIRIE, Alberta
T8V 4C4
Tel: 327-8884

1904 - 13 Avenue N.
LETHBRIDGE, Alberta
T1H 9W9
Tel: 327-8884

16930 - 114 Avenue
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5M 3S2
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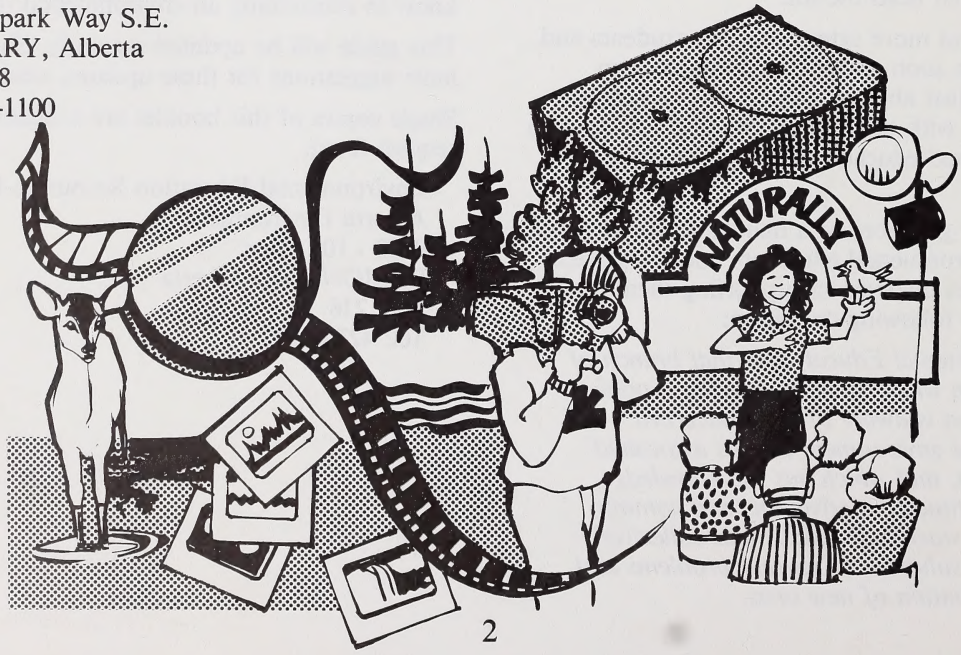


ALBERTA AGRICULTURE

Responsibilities

Alberta Agriculture serves the people of Alberta by providing leadership and assistance to the agricultural community to ensure the continuing economic and social health and growth of this basic industry.

Environmental Education

With the major responsibility for the agricultural environment, Alberta Agriculture has a vital role to play in environmental education. This responsibility is met through a variety of direct and indirect educational support mechanisms. The audience addressed by these programs, materials and services are varied and include the schools.

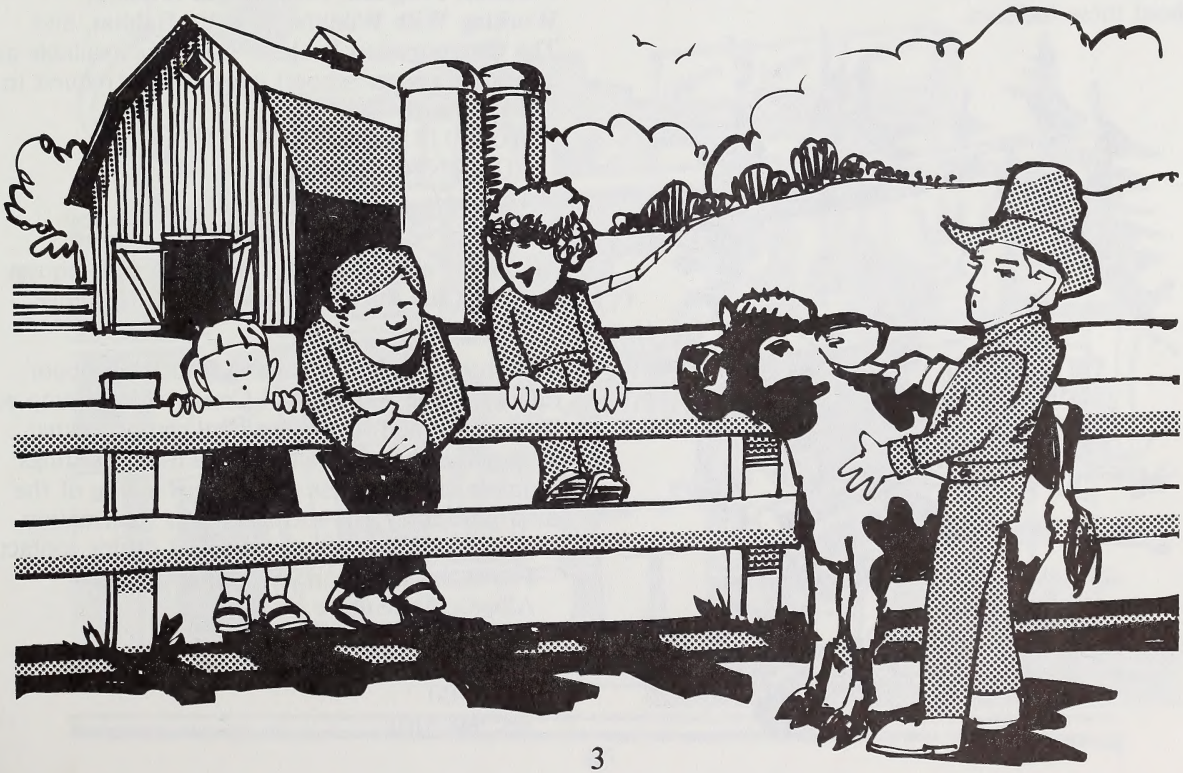
Environmental Education Programs and Services

Alberta Agriculture provides educational programs by providing agriculturally related courses offered at various levels of institutions. The department provides staff as well as other resources for use in schools. Staff would be pleased to be invited to classrooms to discuss how agriculture relates to the subjects or topics being studied. More informal but extensive opportunities are provided for environmental learning through the provincial 4-H program. The diversity of "clubs" within the program make most environmental concerns appropriate and relate well to both the outdoors person as well as to those concerned with "indoor" activities.

The large quantity of available materials suggests that the reader obtain the **Print Materials** or the **Films** catalogues from the address listed below. These should be available at schools, your local District Agriculturalist, District Home Economist, the Regional Agricultural Office, or:

Print Media Branch
Alberta Agriculture
7000 - 113 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T6H 5T6
Tel: 427-2121

Film Library
Alberta Agriculture
7000 - 113 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T6H 5T6
Tel: 427-2127



There are several special displays available on loan. These cover such topics as "Rat Control", "Weed Control", "Rabies" and others. To check on the availability and content of displays contact:

Special Displays
Alberta Agriculture
7000 - 113 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T6H 5T6
Tel: 427-2121

The department also offers a limited home study course selection. One course which might be of interest to a general audience is "SOILS". Several topics are discussed over ten lessons. For more information contact:

Home Study, Extension Services Branch
7000 - 113 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T6H 5T6
Tel: 427-2402

The department maintains special facilities at Lacombe (Alberta Crops Research Centre, plant breeding), Airdrie, Fairview, and Edmonton (pest and disease diagnostic services for plants and animals). You are advised to go through your local District Agriculture Offices for information about these facilities.

The 4-H section of the department provides many resources to aid environmental education. They have several manuals that cover topics such as: **Pheasant Program, Living With Wildlife, Working With Wildlife, Wildlife Habitat**, and **The Outdoorsman Project.** These are available as a set (one set per school) upon written request to:

4-H Branch
7000 - 113 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T6H 5T6
Tel: 427-2541

To see the complete list of 4-H materials request the **4-H Club Supply - Catalogue** at the above address.

4-H provides educational and leadership opportunities at the Alberta 4-H Conservation Camp at Battle Lake and several regional camps located throughout the province. Programs and settings promote an awareness and understanding of the environment by 4-H members. For information on the provincial and regional 4-H camps contact:

Provincial Camp and Exchange Specialist
Alberta Agriculture
Bag Service #1
AIRDRIE, Alberta
T0M 0B0
Tel: 948-5101

CONSUMER AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS

Responsibilities

Alberta Consumer and Corporate Affairs promotes the development of orderly and responsible business activities to ensure fair trade standards and practices; to create a community of informed consumers; and, to develop public interest safeguards with a minimum of government intervention in the economic system.

Environmental Education Materials and Services

An extensive list of resources available for previewing on a short-term, free loan basis is contained in **Consumer Education Material - An Annotated List**. This list and purchasing information is available from:

Resource Centre
Alberta Consumer and Corporate Affairs
11044 - 82 Avenue
Garneau Professional Centre
EDMONTON, Alberta
T6G 0T2
Tel: 427-5215

For general inquiries please contact:

Director,
Consumer Education and Information
700 Capitol Square
10065 Jasper Avenue
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5J 3B1
Tel: 427-2201

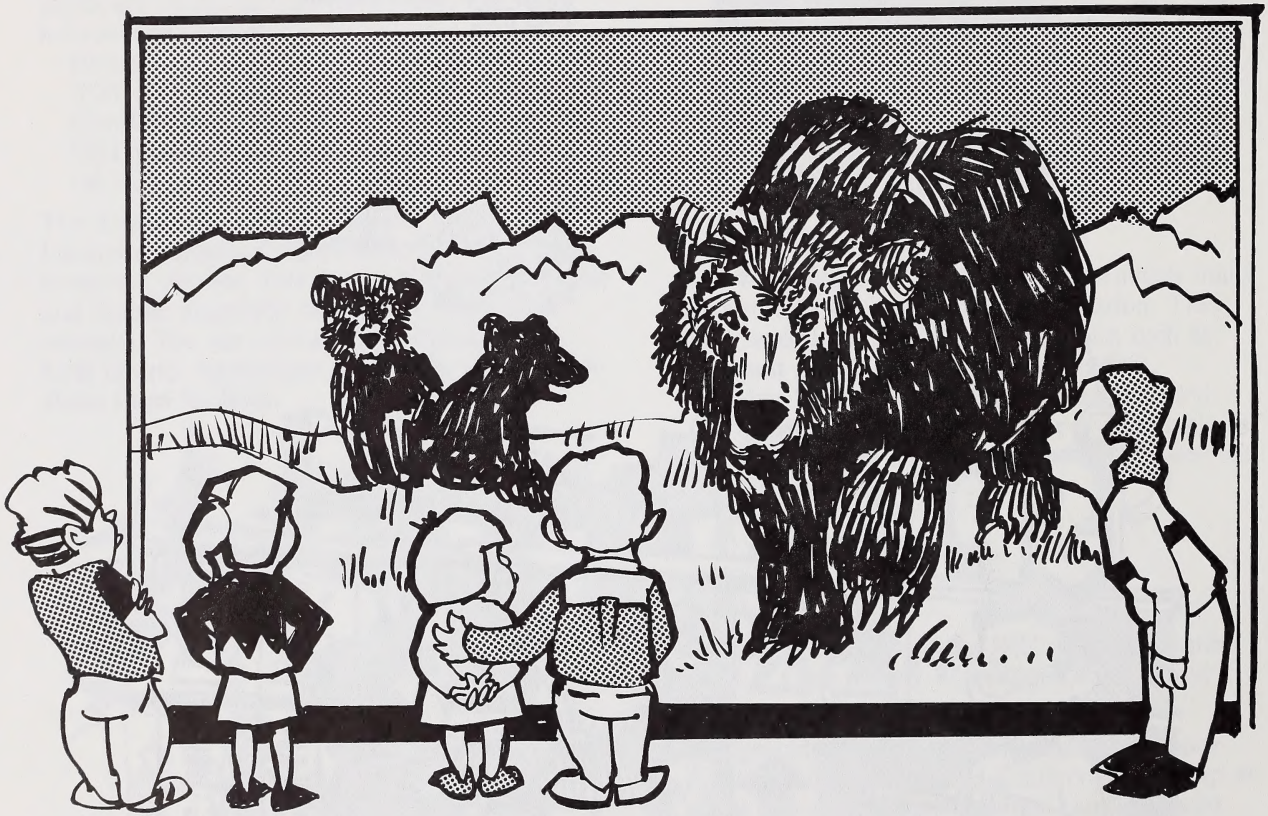
ALBERTA CULTURE

Responsibilities

This department preserves, studies, and interprets Alberta's cultural and historic resources for the benefit of all Albertans. Although the majority of the department's work involves historic and cultural aspects of the man-made setting, the natural environment is studied and interpreted.

Environmental Education

As with some other departments there are no direct responsibilities as far as institutional involvement is concerned. They provide resources in the form of educational programs at the Provincial Museum and ten historic sites, consultant services, and a number of publications and audio-visuals. Alberta Culture is involved to a high degree in education generally as they attempt to show the citizens of Alberta the cultural riches of their province.



Environmental Education Materials and Services

Resources offered by Alberta Culture provide good support for those interested in environmental education. Topics researched by Alberta Culture include paleontology, archaeology, history, historic sites, and natural history.

The scope and source of print, display, and audio-visual materials from Alberta Culture is so diverse that the best approach is to write or phone the department and ask for **Publications, Audio Visuals and Displays** or **A guide to Programs and Services**. Contact:

Alberta Culture
12th Floor, CN Tower
10004 - 104 Avenue
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5J 0K5
Tel: 427-2927

For information about some resources from Alberta Culture that might be of particular interest to environmental educators contact:

Historic Sites Services
Old St. Stephen's College
8820 - 112 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5G 2P8
Tel: 427-2022

Provincial Museum
12845 - 102 Avenue
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5N 0M6
Tel: 427-1786

Archaeological Survey of Alberta
Old St. Stephen's College
8820 - 112 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5G 2P8
Tel: 427-2355

Assistant Superintendent
Natural Resources Science Centre
P.O. Box 3182
SHERWOOD PARK, Alberta
T8A 2A6
Tel: 427-9490

Tyrrell Museum of Paleontology
Box 7500
DRUMHELLER, Alberta
T0J 0Y0
Tel: 823-7707

ALBERTA EDUCATION

Responsibilities

To promote and support an effective system of primary and secondary education in Alberta.

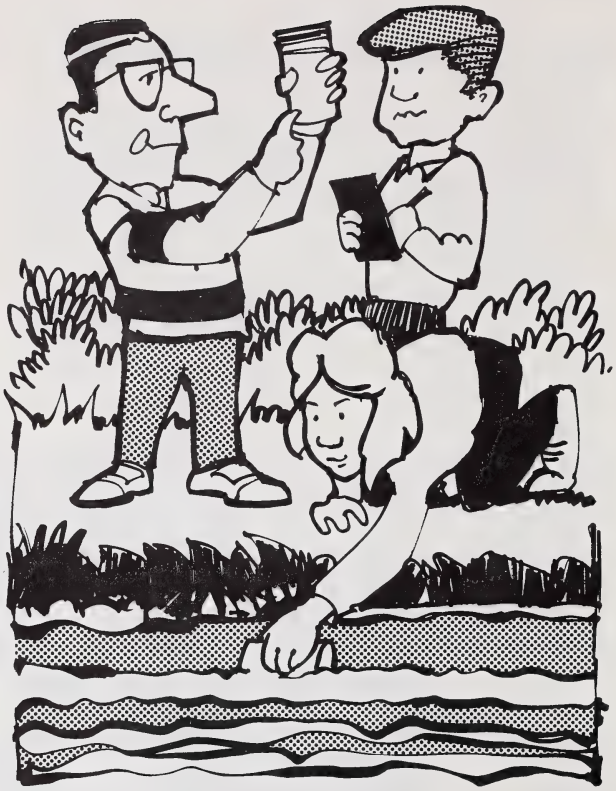
Environmental Education

Environmental education is viewed by this department as an inportant component of the education of Alberta students. Areas for incorporation of environmental topics and issues are evident throughout the entire curriculum, kindergarten through grade 12.

Environmental Education Programs and Services

Alberta Education supports environmental education by providing release time, through local boards, for teachers to pursue professional development in this area. As well as release time with pay, the department provides substitutes for those teachers.

Monies have also been set aside through the Education Opportunities Fund to promote environmental education.



In the past year Alberta Education has made available two publications in environmental education:

(1) **Environmental Education Catalogue of Resources**

(2) **Environmental Education - Manual for Grades 1 - 12.**

These are available from:
School Book Branch
Alberta Education
10410 - 121 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5N 1L2
Tel: 427-2767

For further general information contact:
Mr. Garry Popowich
Associate Director of
Curriculum (Math/Science)
Alberta Education
11160 Jasper Avenue
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5K 0L2
Tel: 427-2982

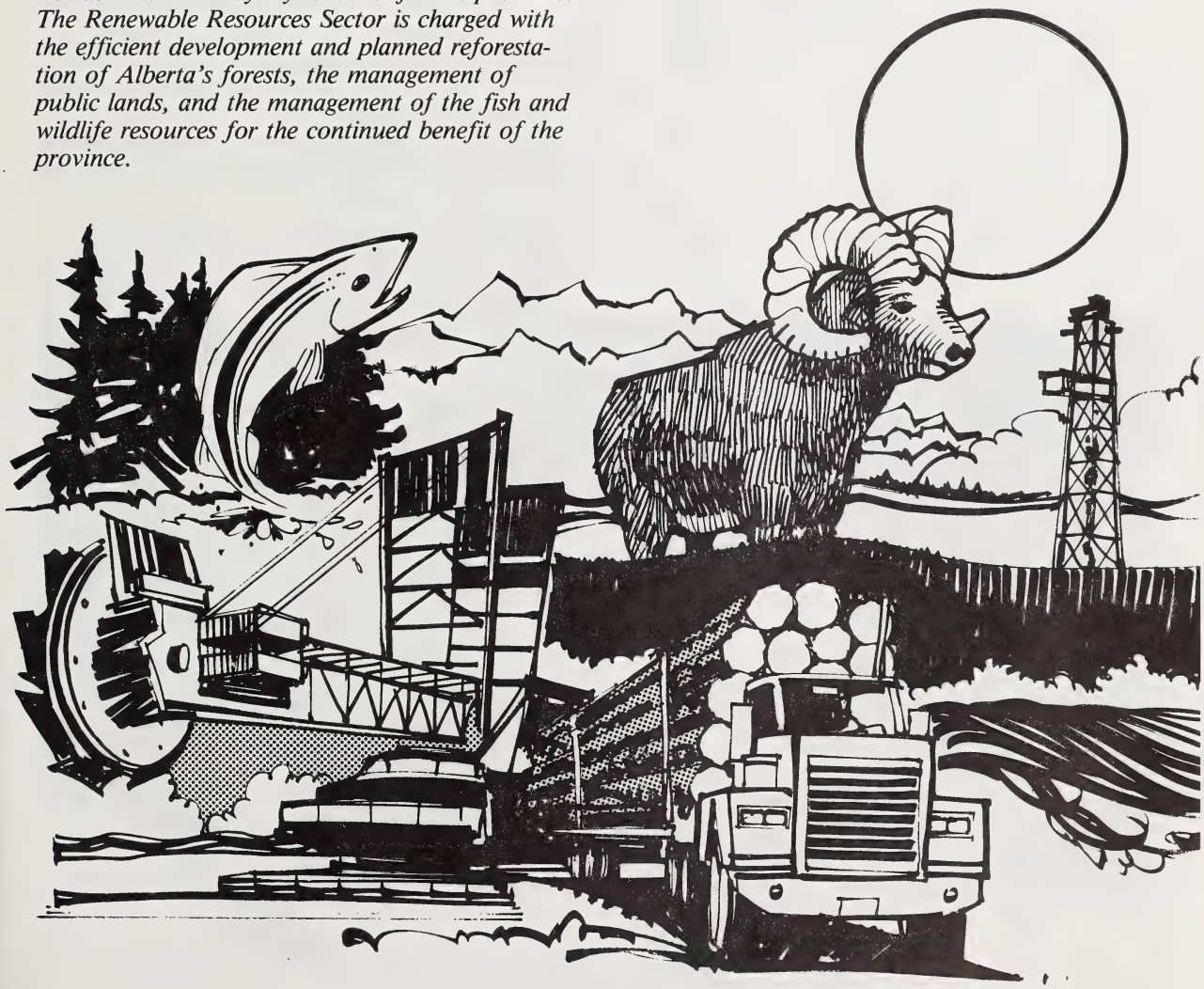
ALBERTA ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Departmental Responsibilities

This department is responsible for the administration and management of Alberta's energy and natural resources: energy, minerals, forest, public lands, and fish and wildlife.

These responsibilities include advice to the Minister on policies and programs of energy and renewable resources, the two major sectors of the department. The Energy Resources Sector applies sound management practices to ensure the largest and most efficient recovery of a depleting resource as well as maximum royalty revenues for the province. The Renewable Resources Sector is charged with the efficient development and planned reforestation of Alberta's forests, the management of public lands, and the management of the fish and wildlife resources for the continued benefit of the province.

For more information on this department contact:
Resources Information Services
Alberta Energy and Natural Resources
Main Floor, 9920 - 108 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5K 2M4
Tel: 427-3590



ENERGY CONSERVATION BRANCH

Responsibilities

The Energy Conservation Branch is responsible for the development and implementation of awareness, information and education programs emphasizing the wise use of energy.

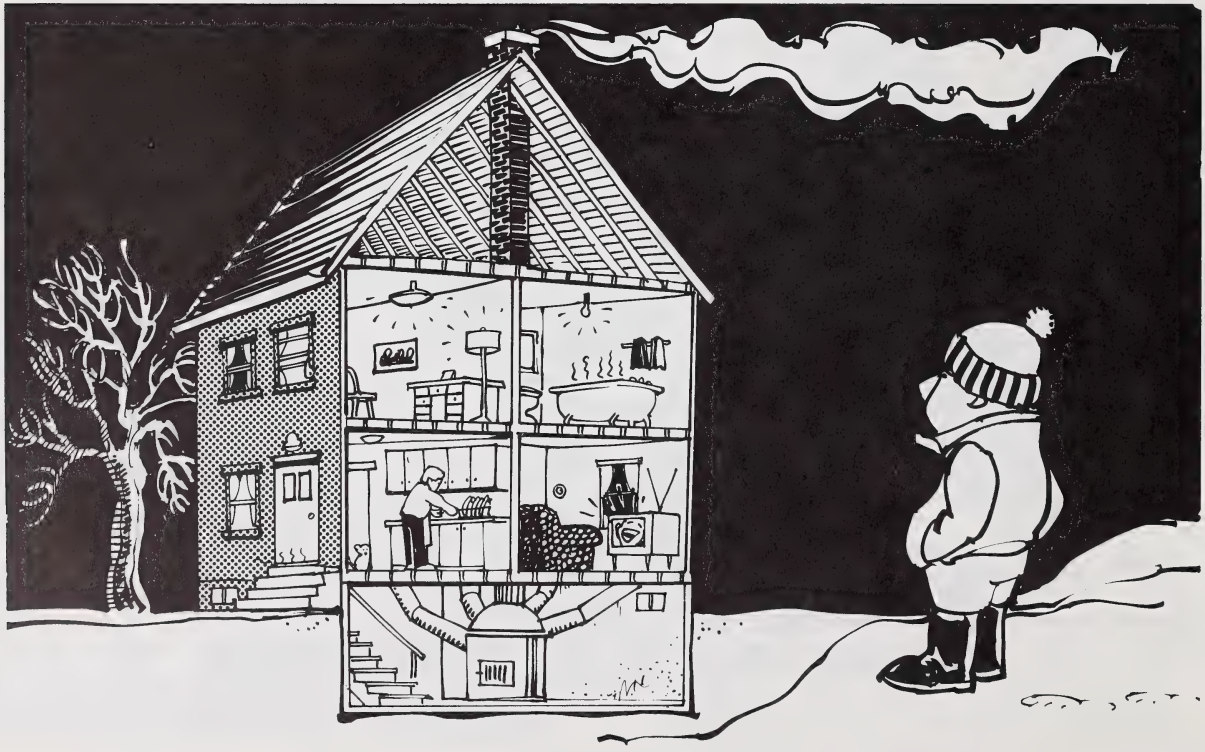
Environmental Education

Education information efforts within this branch that support environmental education at the elementary school level are narrowly confined to the topic of energy conservation which may be translated to "avoiding waste".

Environmental Education Programs and Services

1. **School Programs:** A number of programs have been developed for the school population. These include:
   (a) **The School Visitation Program** - involving visitation and in-class presentation to students;
   (b) **The Teacher Professional Development Program** - involving participation at conferences, conventions, and professional development days to introduce materials and techniques to support energy conservation instruction;
   (c) **The Sleuth Kit Program** - provides a curriculum support kit for use at the grade six level; and,
   (d) **The Curriculum Support Materials Program** - which attempts to develop new curriculum support materials.

These programs emphasize involvement by elementary school students.



2. **General Public Programs:** The branch is also involved in educating the general public with regards to energy conservation. These include:
   (a) **The Alberta Energy Savers Program** - attempts to provide publications aimed at homeowners that will assist in their energy conservation undertakings; and,
   (b) **The Home Energy Savers Workshop Program** - provides homeowners with a free two-hour workshop and presentation to introduce some important concepts in energy conservation in the home.

Materials from this branch are described in two publications lists:

General Publications of Alberta Energy and Natural Resources

Technical Publications of Alberta Energy and Natural Resources.

To request information and to order materials contact:

Manager, Public Information Section
Energy Conservation Branch
Alberta Energy and Natural Resources
10010 - 106 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5J 3L8
Tel: 427-5200

FISH AND WILDLIFE DIVISION

Responsibilities

The primary responsibility of the Fish and Wildlife Division is to manage the fish and wildlife resources of the province to obtain the greatest benefit and enjoyment for all Albertans.

Environmental Education

The mandate of this division as it relates to environmental education is to develop and maintain an effective province-wide fish and wildlife conservation education program.

Although the division attemps to reach a general audience a major emphasis is on the formal education system through grades K - 12.

Fish and Wildlife has attempted to meet the needs of the educational community by working directly with educators and in some cases with Alberta Education in the development of resources.

Environmental Education Programs and Services

The division has many reports, brochures, and audio-visual materials that would be of assistance to educators and youth leaders.

Two programs are of special note:

(1) **Project Wild:** an instructional program aimed at grades K-12 that attempts to outline the importance of wildlife to the environment and to man. The program includes a manual and a plan for inclusion into the **Alberta Program of Studies.**

Teachers must take part in an in-service program offered by the division prior to being provided with the print materials.

(2) **Hunter Education Program:** a training program which assists the participants in understanding the important role of modern regulated hunting in wildlife management and conservation. The topics covered include outdoor survival, safety and hunting ethics, wildlife identification, and the legal responsibilities of hunters in Alberta.

The training is made available through a network of volunteer instructors working with the division. Resources available include a comprehensive support materials.

Outdoor Hunter Education camps are available to participants of the program. These camps are located at:

Narrow Lake - southwest of Athabasca
Alford Lake - west of Caroline
McKinnon Flats - east of Calgary.

To obtain a list of available materials and films or for inquiries about specific programs or general information contact:

Fish and Wildlife Division
Alberta Energy and Natural Resources
Petroleum Plaza, North Tower
9945 - 108 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5K 2C6
Tel: 427-6765

or

Fish and Wildlife Division
Alberta Energy and Natural Resources
200 Sloan Square
5290 - 1A Street
CALGARY, Alberta
T2H 0G1
Tel: 297-6423

ALBERTA FOREST SERVICE

Responsibilities

The Alberta Forest Service is responsible for the management of Alberta's forest lands to ensure a perpetual supply of benefits while maintaining a forest environment of high quality.

Environmental Education

Education programs within the Alberta Forest Service are conducted within a framework of environmental concern for issues and problems within a broad societal context. Credibility of programs are enhanced by involving environmentally concerned citizen groups and professional organizations in a consultative process. These groups include the Alberta Wilderness Association, the Alberta Camping Association, and the Environmental and Outdoor Education Council (Alberta Teachers Association).

Environmental Education Materials and Services

The Alberta Forest Service supports environmental education through its sponsorship of the Junior Forest Warden and Junior Forest Ranger Programs. The goals of these programs are to develop appreciation, awareness, respect, and wise use of the forest environment through outdoor adventure and experiential programs.

At present the print materials that are used by these two groups are undergoing a complete revision. The new manuals and support materials will be available late in 1984.

The department is also responsible for the Long Lake Outdoor Education Training Centre which develops leadership skills of the membership of the Forest Warden and Forest Ranger programs and their adult instructors. For more information please contact:

Section Head
Forestry Youth and Social Development
Program Support Branch
Alberta Forest Service
9920 - 108 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5K 2N4
Tel: 427-2545

There are many films available on the forest and forest management. One source is the **Environmental and Outdoor Education Film Guide** available from:

Faculty of Extension
Education Media Division
University of Alberta
EDMONTON, Alberta
T6G 2G4
Tel: 432-5039

ALBERTA ENVIRONMENT

Responsibilities

This department is responsible for promoting a balance between resource management, environmental protection and the quality of life. This role is achieved through interdepartmental government planning of policies, programs, and services.

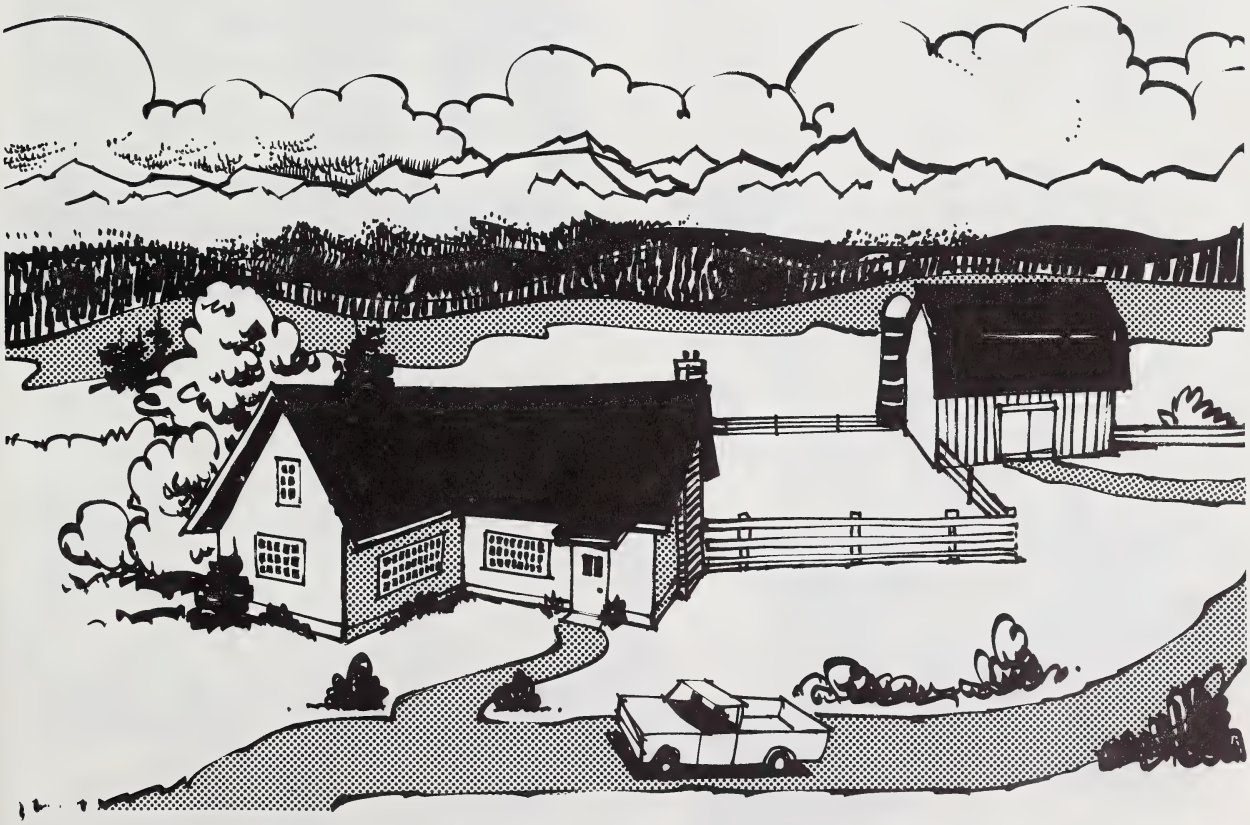
Environmental Education

The interaction of man and his activities within the physical environment is the basis of the broad understanding that Alberta Environment endeavours to attain in its educational program. The program is developed with the process "awareness-to-action" in mind.

The initial program level focuses on simple awareness of man's interaction with the environment. In formal education this is defined by attempts to encourage students and their teachers/leaders to learn in and about the out-of-classroom environment.

As the process advances, programs attempt to bring about an understanding of the multitude of variables involved in environmental issues. This is coupled with the attempt to improve personal decision-making and problem-solving skills needed to make informed choices in situations affecting the environment.

Programs are developed with the knowledge that other provincial agencies are responsible for education within a variety of natural resource and service areas that integrate with Alberta Environment's responsibilities. Acting on such knowledge has provided for numerous co-operative efforts.



Environmental Education Programs and Services

Through the Communications Division and the Environmental Education Resources Branch material is developed on three levels: **awareness, issues,** and **core programming**. In addition, program service is offered through leadership development.

Awareness

Programs at this level include all departmental reports, brochures, and audio-visual materials included in the **General Publications List**, (updated annually).

To request this list and to make general inquiries concerning the department contact:

Communications Division
Alberta Environment
12th Floor, Oxbridge Place
9820 - 106 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5K 2J6
Tel: 427-6267

For the teacher and youth leader the department has developed and distributed more than 200 activities and programs that assist the teacher in taking children out of the classroom for learning experiences. Though the list of these materials has been withdrawn the content of the activities is still available through workshops.

The **Workshop Network** represents a group of consultants on contract to Alberta Environment who present workshops on environmental awareness activities. These consultants are practicing teachers and youth leaders who will develop programs to meet the needs of the groups they work with. To obtain the services of a workshop consultant contact:

Dial-a-Workshop
Alberta Environment
12th Floor, Oxbridge Place
9820 - 106 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5K 2J6
Tel: 427-6310

At present, the department is involved in developing further awareness material that informs the public about various aspects of the environment and about the department's mandate in particular.

Issues

Environmental issues develop from the value position that individuals take on activities of man in the environment. issues programs are developed by the department so that citizens can develop an understanding of how attitudes and values affect decisions about the environment. Each program highlights one issue area.

Specific programs available include:
The Mosquito Kit on pesticides, adaptable to grades 4-12.
Environment Views: Uses in the Classroom, adaptable to grades 9-12. Other program topics are presently being considered.

Core Program

Programs developed at this level focus on meeting specific needs within the school curriculum and may, in future, be prepared to meet the needs of non-school groups.

Programs presently being developed include:
Solid Waste Environmental Education Program, (SWEEP), grades 4-12.
Water Quality Monitoring Education Program - Biology 20-30.
Water Literacy Program - Grades 4-12 (in preparation). Other program topics are being considered.

Audio-Visual

Audio-visual material is available to teachers, leaders and the public in conjunction with the programs outlined above. A general audio-visual service is not available.

For further information about department educational programs and services contact:

Environmental Education Resources Branch
Alberta Environment
12th Floor, Oxbridge Place
9820 - 106 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5J 2J6
Tel: 427-6310

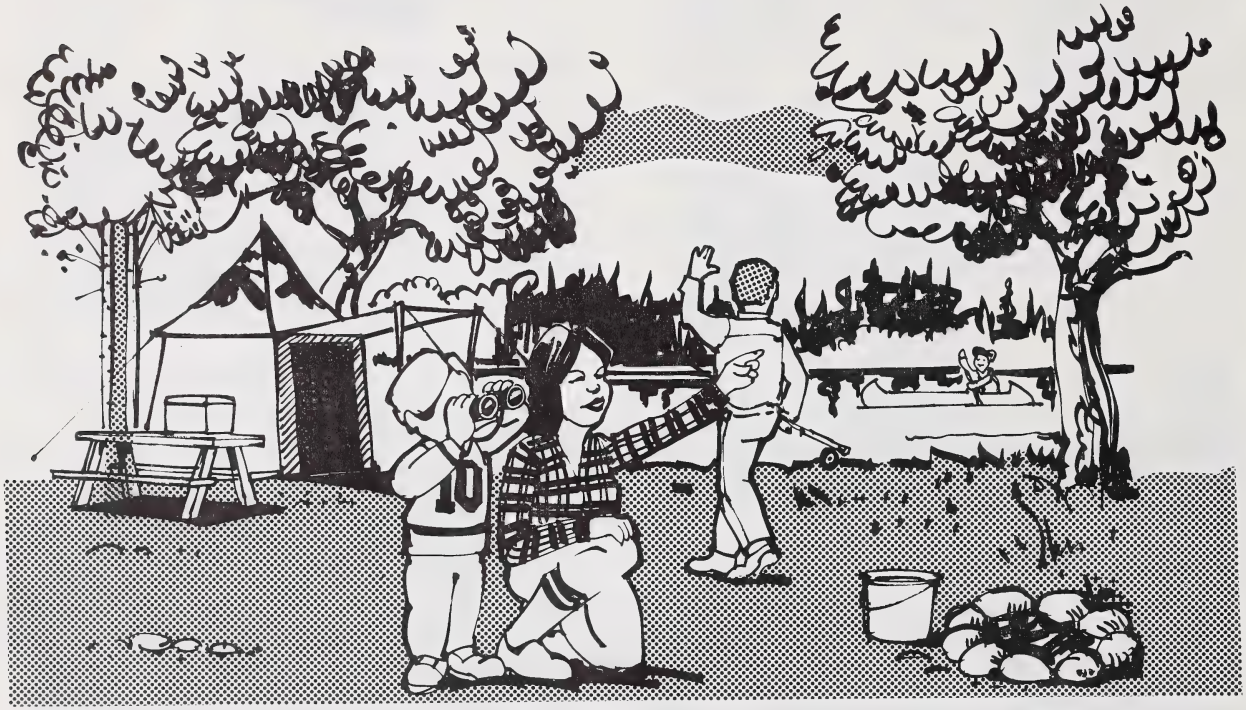
ALBERTA RECREATION AND PARKS

Departmental Responsibilities

The department is responsible for the development of recreation services and opportunities in Alberta including a system of provincial parks and recreation areas.

For further information about the department contact:

Information Officer
Room 1660, Standard Life Centre
Alberta Recreation and Parks
10405 Jasper Avenue
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5J 3N4
Tel: 427-7338



OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE DIVISION

Responsibilities

The division is responsible for the overall operation, maintenance and conservation of provincial parks, recreation areas, and wilderness areas for the enjoyment and safety of visitors.

Environmental Education

Through the visitor services program the division provides for environmental education in many parks throughout the province. Park and/or regional personnel provide consultation services, workshops, and resource material to teachers and other group leaders. Park group use facilities are available for environmental education programs.

Environmental Education Materials and Services

The most important contribution to environmental education is the provision of parks and facilities. Facilities and services vary from park to park. Some parks have brochures, others have background resource material, while a few have personnel who conduct teacher workshops and assist with programs. To find out what services are available contact the Regional Visitor Services Supervisor (RVSS) at the appropriate regional office:

RVSS
Alberta Recreation and Parks
Northern Region
Provincial Building
5102 - 50 Avenue
VALLEYVIEW, Alberta
T0H 3N0
Tel: 524-3318

RVSS
West Central Region
Alberta Recreation and Parks
Box 920
Provincial Building
5025 - 55 Street
RIMBEY, Alberta
T0C 2J0
Tel: 843-2545

RVSS
Alberta Recreation and Parks
East Central Region
Provincial Building
Box 1019
LAC LA BICHE, Alberta
T0A 2C0
Tel: 632-5235

RVSS
Southern Region
Alberta Recreation and Parks
P.O. Drawer 930
Pioneer Plaza
Centre Street
VULCAN, Alberta
T0L 2B0
Tel: 263-2037

RVSS
Kananaskis Country Region
Box 280
Provincial Building
CANMORE, Alberta
T0L 0M0
Tel: 678-5508

The Shannon Terrace Environmental Education Centre, located in Calgary in Fish Creek Provincial Park, is a day use facility that provides classrooms, a resource centre, orientation area, and a discovery room.

The centre is linked to the Fish Creek Provincial Park trail system. It has developed programs for grade levels from E.C.S. to grade 6. Staff provide leader workshops, orientation sessions and consultation services.

For more information contact:
Shannon Terrace Environmental
Education Centre
Fish Creek Provincial Park
Alberta Recreation and Parks
Box 2780
CALGARY, Alberta
T2P 0Y8
Tel: 278-5640

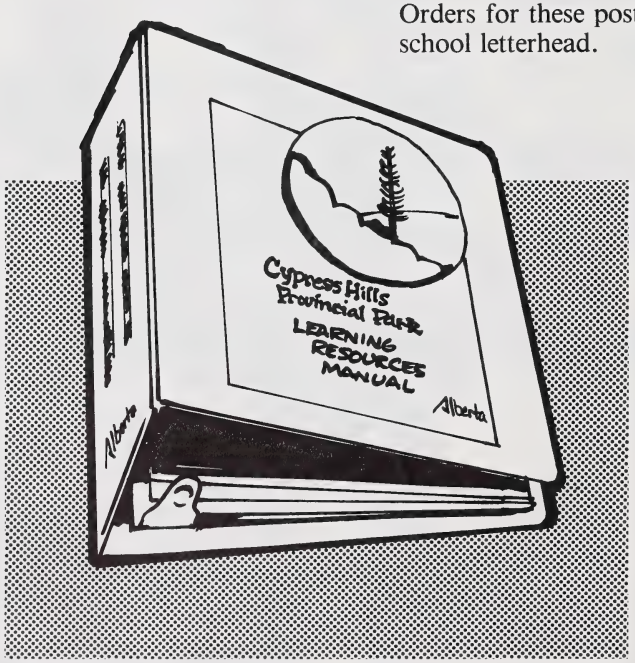
Detailed learning resource manuals packages are being developed for the major parks facilities in the province. The manuals contain information about the park resources, trip planning, activities related to curriculum, and post-trip follow up activities. The **Cypress Hills Provincial Park Learning Resource Manual** has been completed and is available to group leaders by contacting:

Information Officer
Room 1660, Standard Life Centre
Alberta Recreation and Parks
10405 Jasper Avenue
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5J 3N4
Tel: 427-7338

The above address may also be used to inquire about the sets of ecosystem posters available for the classroom. These posters deal with the following natural areas:

1. The Central Foothills
2. The Aspen Parkland
3. The Rocky Mountains
4. The Northern Forest

Orders for these posters must be written on school letterhead.



OUTDOOR RECREATION SECTION

Responsibilities

The Outdoor Recreation Section has direct responsibilities in the outdoor recreation delivery system. These responsibilities include assisting municipal recreation systems and provincial recreation associations in the development of outdoor recreation programs, outdoor recreation leaders and the development and operations of provincial recreation associations. In general, the outdoor recreation section promotes the involvement of Albertans in the outdoors.

Environmental Education

Environmental education is supported by this section within the context of an outdoor recreational environment. Direct support is provided through leadership development, direct funding, material development and support services.

Environmental Education Programs and Services

The responsibilities of the section manifest themselves in many important ways in terms of environmental education. The section operates the Blue Lake Centre near Hinton. This facility provides leadership and outdoor skills programs. It also has specialized training programs for teachers which link outdoor and environmental education to the curriculum.

Outdoors Alberta is a mobile program which takes new games, sports techniques, and new developments in recreation to rural areas of the province that might not normally have the chance to be exposed to them.

Some of this section's direct support is to the projects and conferences of the Environmental and Outdoor Education Council of the Alberta Teachers' Association.

The division has also supported the development of the **Rodeo Unit**, an environmental education program for use in Alberta's schools.

All print materials available from the department are included in an annotated list, **Community Recreation Resource Material, 1984.** Some pertinent titles include:

Playground Development Guide
Minimize Your Impact Series
- **While Hiking and Canoeing**
- **During Recreational Vehicle Use**
- **During Horseback Trips**

The above list and materials are available from your local recreation consultant. Otherwise contact:

Recreational Development Division
Alberta Recreation and Parks
8th Floor, Standard Life Centre
10405 Jasper Avenue
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5J 3N4
Tel: 427-2725

There are no audio-visual programs available from the division at this time.

ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL OF ALBERTA

Responsibilities

The Council is required by the Environmental Council Act to carry out an ongoing review of government policies and programs. This is accomplished by several means, including the public hearing process with the subsequent report and recommendations, investigations by research staff, and through the retention of consultants on some issues.

Environmental Education

The educative function of the Environment Council of Alberta stems from its mandate to conduct a meaningful dialogue with the public on a wide range of environmental issues. The Council educates both the public at large, and the government, through the continuous exchange of information. This exchange involves contact between the government and the public through the Council's Public Advisory Committee. It also derives from Council-produced reports and information bulletins on environmental issues. These bulletins are used successfully as resource material in Alberta schools as well as in the Council's dialogue with the public. Assisting the Council with its educative function is its Environmental Education Advisory Committee.

Environmental Education Programs and Services

An extensive **List of Publications** is available from the Council. Please write or telephone:

Environment Council of Alberta
8th Floor, Weber Centre
5555 Calgary Trail
EDMONTON, Alberta
T6H 5P9
Tel: 427-5792 or Zenith 06705 (toll free)

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